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1. An absorbent structure for absorbent articles such as  
diapers, pants diapers, incontinence protectors, sanitary  
napkins, panty liners, characterised in that the structure  
comprises at least 40 percent by weight superabsorbent  
material based on the total weight of the absorbent structure  
in a dry state in the region or in these regions in which the  
superabsorbent material is distributed, wherein said  
superabsorbent material is a partially neutralised  
superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralisation  
between 20 and 50% the absorbent structure has a thickness of  
1 mm to 8 mm when dry.

2. An absorbent structure according to Claim 1,  
characterised in that the degree of neutralisation is between  
25 and 35%.

3. An absorbent structure according to any one of the  
preceding Claims, characterised in that the absorbent  
structure includes dry-formed, compressed CTMP pulp or CP  
pulp, in addition to superabsorbent material.

4. An absorbent structure according to any of the preceding  
Claims, characterised in that said structure has a thickness  
of 1 mm to 3 mm when dry.

5. An absorbent structure according to any one of the  
preceding Claims, characterised in that said absorbent

article is intended for incontinence protectors or feminine products.

- 5 6. An absorbent structure according to any of the preceding claims, characterised in that the partially neutralised superabsorbent material is placed in the wetting region and conventional superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralisation of about 70% is placed outside the wetting region.

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- 15 7. An absorbent article according to any of claims 1-5, characterised in that the structure comprises a first zone closer to the wearer including the partially neutralised superabsorbent material and a second zone which is located beneath the first zone in a direction from the wearer of the absorbent article, wherein the second zone comprises conventional superabsorbent material having a degree of neutralisation of about 70%.

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8. An absorbent structure according to any of claim 1-5, characterised in that the partially neutralised superabsorbent is placed in a layer or sheet in the bottom or lower part of the structure.

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- 30 9. An absorbent article such as a diaper, pant diaper, incontinence protector, sanitary napkin, panty liner, comprising an upper liquid-permeable sheet, a bottom liquid-impermeable barrier sheet, and an absorbent structure enclosed therebetween, characterised in that the absorbent structure is of the kind defined in one or more of Claims 1 to 8.